

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on March 7, 2003 at 3:07 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 427, 3/7/2003; HB 326, 3/7/2003;
HB 292, 3/7/2003
Executive Action: HB 326, HB 427, HB 287

HEARING ON HB 427

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. GAIL GUTSCHE, HD 66, Missoula presented HB 427; an act to revise air quality laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

3:11pm Don Virdine, Bureau Chief, Air and Waste Management, MT.
Dept. of Environmental Quality (EQC)
3:16pm Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)
3:17pm Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC) **EXHIBIT (nas48a01)**
3:20pm Michele Reinhart, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
3:21pm Don Judge, representing MT. Chapter of the Sierra Club

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

3:22pm **SEN. GUTSCHE** closed the hearing on HB 427.

HEARING ON HB 326

Opening Statement by Sponsor: **REP. BRAD NEWMAN, HD 38, Butte,**
opened the hearing on HB 326; to revise Upper Clark Fork water
leasing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

3:26pm Stan Bradshaw, representing Trout Unlimited
3:27pm Jack Stults, Administrator, Water Resources Division, MT.
Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation
3:27pm Larry Peterman, Chief, Field Operations, MT. Dept. of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)
3:29pm Holly Franz, on behalf of Pacific Power & Light (PPL) and
MT. Water Resources Association
3:30pm John Bloomquist, water law attorney

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

3:31pm **REP. NEWMAN** closed the hearing on HB 326.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 326

3:32pm **Motion:** **SEN. BEA MCCARTHY** moved **HB 326 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 427

Motion: SEN. DEBBIE SHEA moved HB 427 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

3:33pm Begin

3:34pm End

1 min Elapsed time

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 89

Motion: SEN. RICK LAIBLE moved HB 89 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

3:36pm Begin

3:50pm End

15 min Elapsed time

NOTE: No Executive Action taken on HB 89 on this date.

HEARING ON HB 292

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, HD 28, representing a portion of Bozeman and Gallatin County presented HB 292; regarding appraisal of conservation easements purchased by local government. She presented an amendment to the bill.
EXHIBIT (nas48a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

4:03pm Michael Harris, Gallatin County Open Lands Coordinator
EXHIBIT (nas48a03) and **EXHIBIT (nas48a04)** and **EXHIBIT (nas48a05)**
EXHIBIT (nas48a06)

4:06pm Cory Swanson, representing Plum Creek Timber Company

4:07pm Mona Jamison, on behalf of Gallatin County

4:09pm Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:12pm Begin

4:21pm End

10 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

4:22pm **SEN. YOUNKIN** closed the hearing on HB 292.

NOTE: **SEN. KEN TOOLE** requested a fiscal note on HB 437.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 287

4:25pm **Motion:** **SEN. TOOLE** moved **HB 287 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

4:26pm Begin

4:28pm End

2 min Elapsed time

Vote: Motion **HB 287 BE CONCURRED IN** carried with **SENATORS MCGEE, BARKUS and LAIBLE** voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nas48aad)